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SUBJECT: SFM 5-18 PD ENDING 1600 19FEB76

PART I OF II PARTS: SITREP

A. FACILITIES

PARTITIONING OF BARRACKS #3 IS ABOUT 90PCT COMPLETE. INSTALLATION OF INSULATION, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL CONTINUES. WE STPLL HAVE PROBLEMS WITH EXCAVATION FOR A SEPTIC TANK, EXPECT ANOTHER DAY OR TWO BEFORE COMPLETION. A 12 X 24FT KELLY KLOSURE WITH CEILING INSTALLATION AND ELECTRICAL WIRING AT J-1 IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY COB TODAY. ESTIMATED TOTAL PERCENT COMPLETION OF TEMPORARY FACILITIES IS 55PCT.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

LINK BETWEEN SFM BASE AND J-1 HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND CHECKED. TWO TOWERS, 60 AND 70FT RESPECTIVELY, WITH UHF ANTENNAS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT BASE CAMP; ALL LINKS HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT AND ARE OPERATIONAL. THE ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE SHOP HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN BARRACKS #3 AND IS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DIRECT SUPPORT MAINTENANCE. THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUND USING

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AND ARRAY OF COPPER RODS AND CABLE HAS BEEN MADE AND HOOK UP IS

BEING ACCOMPLISHED.

C. WATCH STATIONS (OPERATIONS CENTER)

CRAIG HAS BEEN WORKING WITH SCHILL AND WOERNER (ESY) ON PROCEDURES, FORMATS AND CRITERIA. EXERCISE THIS MORNING INDICATED THAT INTERIM PROCEDURES, ETC, PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO, ARE ESSENTIALLY SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY. MONOR DIFICIENCIES WERE NOTED BUT CHANGES WILL NOT BE INCURRED UNTIL ADEQUATE TESTING AND ANALYSIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. ELEMENTS OF THE OP CENTER HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AND EXERCISED. (SEE D BELOW). DESIGN AND CONCEPT OF OPERATION ARE BEING REVIEWED AND WILL BE FINALIZED WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS.

D. SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

AN EXERCISE WAS CONDUCTED TO DEMONSTRATE THE CAPABILITY OF THE SENSOR FIELDS AND WATCH STATIONS TO DETECT AND IDENTIFY TRAFFIC THROUGH THE STRINGS, AND TO REPORT TO THE SFM WATCH OFFICER. FROM 0800 TO 0920 LOCAL 29 TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WERE DETECTED AND REPORTED. 22 WERE VISUALLY CONFIRMED, WHERE 6 OF THE 7 NOT CONFIRMED WERE FROM THE GIDDI WEST STRING WHICH HAS NO CONFIRMATION CAPABILITY. IT WAS FOUND THAT THE AVERAGE TIME FROM THE FIRST SENSOR ACTIVATION TO WHEN THE SPOT REPORT WAS RECEIVED BY THE SFM WATCH OFFICER WAS 9.3 MINUTES. THIS INCLUDES 2-4 MINUTES IT TAKES A VEHICLE TO PASS THROUGH A STRING, AN ESTIMATED 4 MINUTES FOR STRING ACTIVATION ANALYSIS AND ABOUT 1 MINUTE FOR RADIO TRANSMISSION. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO MINIMIZE THIS DELAY TIMES; IN ADDITION THE SPOT REPORT FORMAT AND PROCEDURES WERE REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS. FURTHER EXERCISES ARE PLANNED WHICH WILL BE EXPANDED TO EXERCISE THE PRODUCERS FOR REPORTING EARLY WARNING. ACTIVITY TO J-1, E-1 AND UNEF.

PART II: PRESS VISITS

ISRAELI AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS WERE BRIEFED AND SHOWN SINAI CAMP FACILITIES. TODAY ISRAELI PRESS WERE HERE ABOUT 1/2 HOUR COMMENCING 10:45 LOCAL AND THE INTERNATIONAL ABOUT 1/2 HOUR COMMENCING ABOUT 12:45 LOCAL. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE PRESS CONFANCES WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE. LAYNE BRIEFED WITH SCHILL AND PEARCY ASSISTING. TAPE FOR BRIEF WAS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE BUT COPIOUS NOTES WERE TAKEN AND WILL BE ABASIS OF REPORT.

E. FISCAL MATTERS

NO CHANGE

F. PERSONNEL

NO CHANGE

G. MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST CONSIDER USING BACK UP HVAC UNITS FOR PRECAST MODULES TO FULFILL TEMPORARY CAMP HVAC REQUIREMENTS. THESE UNITS COULD REPLACE CURRENTLY PLANNED A/C UNITS FOR OFFICES AND WATCH STATIONS AND COULD BE RETROFITTED WHEN PERM CAMP IS COMPLETED. ESTIMATE TEMPORARY REQUIREMENT TO BE 14 UNITS.

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